cent interest for 3 instalments will be collected or deducted from the amount he has actually contributed, instead of 10 or 12 of 15 instalments with 9 per cent interest which he will have to pay. The mover has intended only that on payment of 9 per cent the default should be condoned. The number of instalment is not stated here. Therefore it may go forward to any number of instalments provided his name is not removed from the list. Therefore I submit that I am wholeheartedly in favour of this Bill but the wording of it should be changed and it may be referred to a small committee consisting of the Advocate-General and hon'ble members of this House. As it is, it will cause hardship.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* This is a simple case. There is no necessity for a committee.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I do not want a committee, but only a drastic amendment.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Government accept the principles involved in this Bill that in the case of a non-prized subscriber he should not be subjected to the penalty in the nature of labham. That principle is already accepted by Government and in the later Kuries Bill adequate provisions were made in this behalf. The relief that is now sought by this Bill certainly lays down a good proposition. But as observed by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi there are certain drastic amendments to be made and in my report to the Government I have stated that I am sure that the hon'ble member will accept the amendment and I shall take it that when we put our heads together at the time of improving the draft there will be agreemet. It has not been the intention of the mover as far as I can understand that the consequences of providing in the vaimpu that a subscriber shall totally forfeit his rights to continue as subscriber if he continuously defaults for 3 instalments, is to be superseded. The complaint of the mover is that a labham is also taken from. It does not contain any inroad so far as the condonation of the default is concerned within any particular instalment. So some drastic amendments are necessary. We can do it at a later stage.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I am thankful for the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi. I have only to say that the apprehension is not well grounded because as the Advocate-General said that difficulty may not raise. I am not going to tamper with the vaimpu or with any other provision in the vaimpu. In the vaimpus especially of Trichur kuries to which reference was made, the usual provision is that after the first instalment date if you bring the money after 10 days you will have to pay instead of interest a lump sum called "labham" even after one day, even after a few hours. If you go after the days of grace of 10 days I think you have to pay Rs. 1—8—0 as labham and then for the next instalment you have to pay not only this Rs. 1—8—0 but double that. That is the usual practice. At the third instalment, you are removed from the kuri. That power of removal is not taken away. The only portion which I want to touch is the power to take away that extraordinary penalty which is not warranted and which is against the intention of the legislature and the present trend of legislation in our country and against all equity and good conscienee. I place this for the unanimous acceptance of the House. I have only to say that there is absolutely no necessity for a select committee. If some drafting amendments have to be made we have got very competent hands here, and I will accept any amendment to effectuate the purpose of this Bill.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Kuries Act (Amendment) Bill".

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narakkal):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

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